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1. the shares of the Avio-Diepen Industrial Company have been offered for sale to the management of the Fokker Aviation Works; the Fokker management has made an offer and the shareholders of the Avio-Diepen Industrial Company have been advised by the directors and the management of their company to accept the Fokker offer.
2. If this is done - and we can assume that this is practically certain - Mr Frits Diepen, the president of Avio-Diepen, will join the management of the Fokker Works. The Avio-Diepen Industrial Company will retain its present name and continue business at Ypenburg aerodrome; the Ypenburg Airport Company, which also belongs to the Diepen concern, will not be affected by this new arrangement. This company will probably set up on an entirely new base with the participation of the government and the municipalities of the Hague and Rijswijk.
3. The severe cold has frozen the sea between the Dutch mainland and the small islands of Ameland and Schiermonnikoog near the coast of the province of Friesland. The only connection with these two islands is now by air. Light plane squadrons of the Royal Netherlands Air Force, equipped with Auster and Piper aircraft, make several flights daily to the islands bringing them mail and urgently needed supplies and taking back mail and passengers. Preference is given to sick and wounded people who need medical treatment on the mainland. Aerodromes are improvised on the beaches of both islands.
4. The island of Schouwen in the south-east of the country, which was so badly hit during last year's floods and which has only been made dry for a few weeks, was also isolated by the heavy frost. This island has the luck of possessing a reasonably good aerodrome which was not in use but had been reactivated after the floods. It had remained dry because it is situated on high ground. This aerodrome is now used by military aircraft, up to the size of a C-47, which bring mail and supplies to the island.

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